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SUBJECT: PROSECUTION OF CHARLES MARGAI, M.P., DROPPED

1. THE COURT CASE AGAINST CHARLES F. MARGAI, SLPP MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR MOYAMBA SOUTH II, WAS DISMISSED JULY 28 WHEN THE STATE COUNSEL TOLD THE COURT THAT THE PROSECUTION WAS DROPPING THE CASE, APPARENTLY FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE. MARGAI HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF ARSON AND RIOTOUS CONDUCT STEMMING FROM HIS ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN THE BURNING OF A HOUSE BELONGING TO PARAMOUNT CHIEF E.B. JOMBLA IV DURING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS YEAR. CHARLES MARGAI, A LAWYER, IS A SON OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER ALBERT MARGAI.
2. THE DROPPING OF CHARGES AGAINST MARGAI AND HIS SUBSEQUENT RELEASE FROM DETENTION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO EASING OF POLITICAL TENSION. CURRENTLY ONLY TWO SLPP MP'S REMAIN IN DETENTION, BOTH ON CHARGES OF MURDER OR COMPLICITY TO MURDER OF THE BROTHER OF DR. BANYA, APC CANDIDATE IN KILAHUN WEST.
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